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Honorable Wally Herger
Representative, U.S. Congress
2433 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-0502

Dear Mr. Herger:

We appreciate your letter of January 29, 1999 regarding our involvement at Englebright Dam, and appreciate the opportunity to provide clarification on this subject.

The contract we let is to convene local meetings on the feasibility of restoring anadromous fish runs above Englebright Dam on the Yuba River. The contract is with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) in the amount of \$7,333. The funds are derived from the California Bond Act Proposition 204. It is enclosed for your review.

As part of our annual solicitation for ecosystem restoration projects, CALFED received a proposal from a public interest group called the South Yuba River Citizens League to conduct a study. The proposal was reviewed through our technical evaluation process and we found their proposal to be inadequate. As a result, the CALFED Policy Group delegated the initial work to convene local meetings to the Service.

If the work of the Service indicates that restoring anadromous fish may be feasible and that there are reasonable alternatives, we will pursue a more comprehensive contract. Any study results will be peer reviewed and the public will be kept informed.

Please let me know if I can provide additional information on this subject.

Sincerely,

Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

Enclosures

CALFED Agencies

California
The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal
Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service